non-visibility of the Air Force fighters on the enemy screen, while flying at any height;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Foreign Direct Investment in Defence Sector

4425. SHRI AMAR SINGH:
SHRIMATI JAYAPRADA NAHATA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to open defence related sectors to Foreign Direct Investment;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the approximate foreign funds likely to be generated as a result thereof; and

(c) by when such a decision is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Supply of Navy equipments by Russia

4426. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether transparency is not being maintained by the Russian companies in supplying Navy equipments to India as reported in the 'Statesman' dated 5th April, 2001;

(b) if so, whether Government's defence procurement norms are not followed by the various foreign countries; and

(c) if so, Government's reaction on such defence procurement deals?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) to (c) Procurements from Russia are made only from such agencies as are duly authorized, by the Government of Russian Federation, for export of defence related equipments to foreign countries. Norms and procedure prescribed by our Government for making procurement of weapons/systems and other defence related equipments are followed by us.

Action against persons alleged by Tehelka

4427. SHRI RAJU PARMAR:
SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to the tehelka.com a large number of officers in the Ministry of Defence and PMO are alleged to be involved in various deals for purchase of equipments;

(b) if so, the names and designations of such officers as disclosed on tehelka.com; and

(c) what action Government have taken or propose to take against each of them?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) to (c) Government of India has constituted a One Man Commission headed by Justice K. Venkataswami to inquire into the entire matter. The Commission has already started functioning and is expected to furnish its report within a period of four months. Further action in the matter will depend upon the findings of the Commissions.

Military to military exchanges between India and China

4428. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the high level military to military exchanges between India and China has been resumed;

(b) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(c) the details of the efforts made to resolve the outstanding unresolved issues?